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An UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
ORDINANCE  
OF THE  
LORDS and COMMONS  
Assembled in  
PARLIAMENT

FOR  
The present settling (without further delay)  
Of the  
Presbyteriall Government  
In the Church of ENGLAND.

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*Die Veneris 5. Iunii 1646.*

**O**Rdered by the Lords Assembled in Parliament, That this  
Ordinance concerning Church-Government, be forthwith  
printed and published.

*Job. Brown Cler. Parliamentorum.*

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He Lords and Commons in Par-  
liament, holding their former  
resolution, That all notorious  
and scandalous Offenders shalbe  
kept from the Sacrament, have  
thought fit to make a further  
addition to the scandalous Offences formerly  
enumerated, for which men shall bee kept

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from the Sacrament ; and least the stay of the enumeration, and the not naming of Commissioners to judge of Cases not enumerated, should hinder the putting in execution the Presbyterian Government already established : They have thought fit, that in regard that divers persons fit to be Commissioners, according to the last Ordinance of 14 Martii 1645. by reason of the present Distractions, are absent from their habitations, and so cannot doe the service therein, which otherwise they might doe : They doe therefore Ordaine, that in stead and place of Commissioners in the said Ordinance,

**T** *Thomas Earle of Arundell. and Surry, Algernon Earle of Northumberland, Henry Earle of Kent, Iohn Earle of Rutland, Philip Earle of Pembroke and Montgomery, Robert Earle of Essex, Theophilus Earle of Lincoln, Charles Earle of Nottingham, James Earle of Suffolke, William Earle of Salisbury, Iohn Earle of Bridgewater, Robert Earle of Warwicke, Bazill Earle of Denbigh, James Earle of Middlesex, Oliver Earle of Bollingbrooke, Edward Earle of Manchester, Edmond Earle of Mulgrave, Henry Earle of Stamford, William Lord Viscount Say and Seale, George Lord Berkley, Francis Lord Dacres, Philip Lord Wharton, Francis Lord Willoughby of Parham, Dudley Lord North, Iohn Lord Hunsdon, Charles Lord Stanhopp, Edward Lord Mountagne, William Lord Grey of Warke, Iohn Lord Roberts, William Lord Maynard, Edward Lord Howard of Escrich,*



*Eserich, Richard Lord Herbert Cherberry, Thomas Lord Bruce.*

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Or any nine of them shall be a Committee of  
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Lords and Commons, to adjudge and determine scandalous offences not formerly enumerated, and the Elderships shall proceed in the Examinations of such scandalous offences according to the cautions and restrictions mentioned in the Ordinance of the twentieth of October, 1645. And the said Committee shall have such power, and shall proceed in such sort as is hereafter mentioned.

If any notorious and scandalous offence not formerly enumerated be committed by any within any Eldership, and so after full proofe shall be found before the Eldership, who shall have power to examine Proofs and Witnesses on both sides, in case both the Eldership and the party complained of do agree, the Proofs and Examinations to be duly taken, the said Eldership shall forthwith certifie the said Offence, with the Proofs, to the said Committee of Parliament, who shall with all convenient speed determine and adjudge the same; But in case the party accused shall finde himselfe grieved, either by the not examination or undue examination of Witnesses, or mis-entring of the Depositions

positions, in such case he shall forthwith declare the same to the Eldership, who shall relieve him if there be cause, which if they shall not do, then the three Justices of Peace next to the Parish whereof the party complained of is a Member, or any two of them, not being of the same Eldership before whom the Complaint lyes, shall have power, and are hereby enabled and required forthwith to examine upon Oath the said Witnesses that were not examined; or were mis-examined, or whose Depositions were mis-entred, and with all convenient speed returne the Examination to the said Committee of Parliament: And in case the said Justices, or any two of them, do not finish their Examination, within six daies after the Cause shall be presented to them, the Party shall abstaine untill they have finished and certified their Examinations; And the said Committee upon hearing the whole matter from the Eldership and Justices, or either of them, shall adjudge whether the same be a notorious and scandalous offence, and so proved or no. And in case the said Committee shall not adjudge and determine the Case within



within fourteen daies after the receipt of the Certificate to them made, the party against whom the said Certificate shall be made, shall abstaine from the Sacrament, untill the Committee shall determine the same, unlesse in the meane time the party shall shew his repentance for the said offence, and thereof give satisfaction to the Eldership; And if the said Committee shall adjudge the same not to be a scandalous Offence, or not well proved, the said party shall be admitted to the Sacrament; and if they shall adjudge the same to be a scandalous Offence, and so proved, he shall not be admitted to the Sacrament untill he shall have testified his repentance to the Eldership.

And be it further Ordained, That the Eldership shall either give personall notice to the Party complained of before them, or else leave notice in writing at his dwelling place, of the time and place when and where they will examine Witnesses against him, and also of the time that they will make their Certificate to the Committee of Parliament. And in case information shall be given to the Eldership of a notori-

ous and scandalous offence committed by any within their Eldership, they shall forthwith proceed to the Examination thereof; And if they cannot finish their Examination till the week before the Sacrament, and they shall then finde by sufficient proof that he hath committed a notorious and scandalous Offence, and yet they cannot certifie the same before the Sacrament, it being to be administred within a week after, in such case the party shall abstaine from the Sacrament for the next time onely, unlesse the Committee of Parliament, to whom the same is to be certified, shall adjudge the same a notorious and scandalous offence, and so proved, for which he ought to be kept from the Sacrament; and in such case, upon the testifying of his repentance to the Eldership, he shall be againe restored to the Sacrament, and not before.

And be it further Ordained, If any shall finde themselves agrieved with the judgement against him given by the said Committee, they shall appeale from thence to both Houses of Parliament, if they see cause.

And be it Ordained, That the Committee  
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to whom the said Certificate shall be made, as  
aforesaid, shall report to both Houses the said  
severall Cases to them certified, and their judge-  
ments thereupon, that so the Offences not yet  
enumerated may be added to the enumeration,  
in case the Houses shall so think fit, and in their  
Reports they shall take care that they first report  
those Certificates and their opinions thereupon,  
wherein they at any time shall differ from the  
Eldership.

And be it further Ordained, That this Ordi-  
nance shall continue for the space of three yeers,  
and no longer, unlesse both Houses think fit to  
continue it.

*Iob. Brown Cler. Parliamentorum.*

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